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1. In [ ] Communist circles, where recent events in the Soviet Union did not give rise to excessive impressions, one is convinced that the foreign policy of the Soviet Union will not undergo substantial changes while the internal policy will undergo many changes, especially in the field of agriculture, where sanctions against backward peasants will be increased. 25X1
2. An eventual, future condemnation of Malenkov, who did not enjoy in the USSR the prestige of his predecessor, will depend on the results of an inquiry, which is certainly in progress, into his behavior, especially in regard to the increase in the manufacture of consumer goods. This increase, desired and promised by Malenkov, effectively caused damages of billions of rubles by delaying the consignment of materials to heavy industry, and particularly to agricultural machinery.
3. The government of Bulganin will have a greater stability than that of Malenkov and also a greater strength.
4. [ ] it is anticipated that a head of the USSR will have difficulty in achieving the prestige and the full powers formerly enjoyed by Stalin; and this is because, in the present historical period, the program of international Communism is that of creating as soon as possible a "federation of socialist states" (the USSR, China, and other satellite countries) subordinate to a single central organization (perhaps the Cominform itself) in which all members will be equally represented. Therefore, the successor to Stalin would have the qualification of being head of the Cominform and also might not be a Soviet.<sup>1</sup> In addition to conforming to the Leninist program, this would represent a stage in the plan for the worldwide expansion of the Communist movement. 25X1
1. [ ] Comment. The reference here is to an ideological successor to Stalin. 25X1

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